

Welcome to a new look Corriedale newsletter. The Council intends to produce this update on breed activities and promotion three times a year. We welcome your feedback on the content and format.

Corriedales in the News



Timahanga Station on the Napier-Taihape road featured in this year's *Heartland Sheep* (an annual production in conjunction with *Country-wide*).

Heartland Sheep is distributed widely throughout New Zealand and featured Timahanga ewe hoggets on the cover.

If you haven't seen it and would like to read the full story contact james.hoban@outlook.co.nz

Corriedale Councillor and breeder Robin Wilson featured in *Rural Business South* recently, talking about the benefits of the breed.

Both *The Courier* (Mid Canterbury) and *The News* (North Canterbury) have recently included stories on

the ram hogget competition and Jim Sidey's trip to South America. See more on both these events later in the newsletter.

What does our breed's future look like?

Corriedale Society President Greg Harris Chaired his first Council meeting in August and expressed his interest in opening up discussion round the future of the breed.

Please take the time to speak to Greg or one of the other Councillors (listed at the end of this newsletter) about your thoughts on the breed's future.

We welcome feedback from breeders and friends of the breed who can help us best direct our efforts in Corriedale promotion and development.

SHOW DINNER

This annual opportunity for Corriedale breeders and enthusiasts to catch up socially will take place on:

Wednesday November 12th in Christchurch.

For more information contact Greg Burgess at NZ Sheepbreeders. **All welcome.**

Corriedale Young Ambassador

John Burrows has recently returned from a successful and rewarding trip to Australia as New Zealand's 2014 Corriedale Young Ambassador.

John was hosted by the Manchester and Prell families in New South Wales.

He presented to the Corriedale Council in July, thanking them for the opportunity and support.

The Council was proud to send such a good young ambassador to represent the breed in Australia. Congratulations John.



Judging Report from South America

Jim Sidey, Srathblane, Waikari, was honoured to be invited to judge in South America in September. The following is his trip report.



Champion ram at Prado – 2014. Judge Jim Sidey on left.

To The Corriedale Council & Breeders.

On the 6th of September I arrived in Uruguay and was picked up at the airport by Dr Luis Carrau Gallinal, who was a true gentleman .

Luis took me to the Hotel and then we went to visit Alberto & Isabell Gallinal, eldest son of Dr Alberto Gallinal Heber from San Pedro.

I have had their son Chino to stay for two weeks and he also had two nights with Doc & Jan Sidey (Glenovis).

Monday was spent judging the non-pedigree Corriedale ewes and rams. Tuesday was the main judging which was a great thrill to be involved with.

Refugio got champion ewe; a well-balanced ewe with a good fleece and a good set of twin lambs.

Grand Champion Ram went to Monzon Chico (Santi Saienz) which was the best sheep at the show by 20%. A really well balanced ram with an outstanding head and an excellent carcass; great bone and a good, heavy cutting Fleece, as well as San Pedro for the best sire's Head.

Wednesday Luis took me to San Pedro which was an awesome experience seeing such a brilliant place. I stayed at Alberto Gallinal's farm next door and was looked after like a king. The next day we looked around their farm & Luis' which was great.

That night we headed off to La Carolina. I stayed at Mazo Paysse's house. There to meet me was his family, including Pablo Paysee who I judged with at Prado. A great family and I was very well looked after – fantastic people and an experience I'll never forget.

The next day I looked at sheep at La Carolina and had a huge BBQ lunch followed by dinner at Pablo and Allie's house with the odd wine! We were joined by Peio Saienz. Next move was back to Mazo's house for the night and after saying goodbyes I was off at 5.30 am to Hilberto Saienz for lunch - once I finally got Peio up. It was great to meet all their family and stay at Mrs Saienz's house - a great family and a lot of fun.

The next day was off to Luis & Gabriele Carrau's place at Punta de Lesta. It was a highlight to see such an amazing city – the population is 40,000 people over winter and 500,000 people in the summer with the beach being the main attraction. There are a lot from Brazil and Argentina. Wish I was 30. Luis and Gabriele were amazing hosts and made my trip really enjoyable, dropping me at the airport the next day to fly home and see Ramona and the girls who did a great job looking after the farm while I was away.

It was a wonderful trip. Thank you to Greg and the Corriedale Society for donating the ribbons which were greatly appreciated by the winners at Prado Show.

Jim Sidey



Corriedale Hogget Competitions

This year the New Zealand Corriedale Council is building on the success of the breed's ewe hogget competition by running a similar contest for ram hoggets. This means Corriedale hoggets are facing a commercial test unlike those of any other breed.

The competitions' strength is that the sheep are run as a group from January until November.

The Corriedale ewe hogget competition has been a highlight of the breed's activities for many years and Society President Greg Harris says that running a similar contest for ram hoggets is an exciting development.

"The competition puts all the sheep on the same playing field and can be seen as a true commercial test. It will be good to see more Corriedales at the show this year and great to show people what the breed is capable of under commercial conditions."

The inaugural year for the ram hogget contest has attracted nearly 50 entries. The ram hoggets are being run by Gordon and Barbara Gilbert at Southbridge, who have grazed the ewe hogget group for a number of years. This year those sheep made way for the new ram competition and are being run by David and Rosie Clark at Swannanoa.



Breeders looking through the ewe Hoggets in late September - Tom and Christine Beaton, Bill Bain, Dugald, Andrew and Mandy Rutherford, Greg Harris, Pat Hoban and Tom Burrows.

With the ewe hogget competition growing this year and attracting entries from flocks which had not been involved previously, the line up at the Christchurch Show, where the top sheep from both competitions will be exhibited, will be an impressive showcase for the breed.

The two hogget competitions have attracted entries from Marlborough to Mid Canterbury. The top sheep and teams will be announced on the Wednesday of the Christchurch show.

Revolutionary Fly Strike Work

The Corriedale Council wishes to congratulate Lucy Burrows on her work towards developing a gene marker test for fly strike.

While this work is still in its reasonably early stages, initial progress made by Lucy, with Professor Jon Hickford at Lincoln, is exciting and will be reported in more detail in a future newsletter.

An article featuring Lucy in *Country-Wide* can be found at <https://agrihq.co.nz/article/lucky-strike?p=>

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